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## **'Main and Spring Forward' Takes First Step**

Councilmember José Huizar announced just this week that the final design for [Main & Spring Forward](#), a complete streets collaboration with LADOT through Huizar's DTLA Forward initiative and the City's Vision Zero, has been completed and work is now underway, beginning on Spring Street.

The project's scope covers Main Street, from Cesar Chavez Avenue to 9th Street, and Spring Street, from 1st Street to 9th Street, in order to improve intersections and crossings for people walking, and upgrade the existing buffered bicycle lanes to protected bicycle lanes, reduce bus-bicycle conflicts, maximize parking/loading, and increase bus efficiency. LADOT estimates work on Main Street will begin in the summer.

Huizar's DTLA Forward aims to make traffic flow better, increase multi-modal and pedestrian use and safety, public spaces, as well as better connect adjacent neighborhoods in one of the fastest growing downtowns in the United States. [Click here](#) for updates to the traffic advisories.

## **Outstanding Performers**

### **Taimour Tanavoli**

#### **Transportation Engineering Associate III, Project Delivery & Operations**

Taimour is LADOT's first Case Manager working hand-in-hand with other development review departments to resolve departmental differences and ensure coordinated City feedback on proposed developments. He oversaw the move to the new Development Services Center at Figueroa Plaza that consolidates staff from the Departments of City Planning, Building & Safety, and Transportation. With a smile and an always engaging helpful nature, Taimour has successfully assisted thousands of property owners and architects maneuver through the various layers of permit reviews and approvals. No matter the size of the project or the experience of the person that he's dealing with, Taimour consistently delivers exceptional customer service.

### **Jaclyn Garcia**

#### **Management Analyst, Budget and Administration Division**

Jackie has brought her friendly, helpful attitude, dedication to high quality of work, and a commitment to follow-through to the Budget & Admin Division – earning her a recent promotion as the Management Analyst in the Budget and Administration Division. Jackie has revamped the way LADOT tracks and delivers facilities projects for over 30 of LADOT's field offices throughout the City. She oversees our work order system ensuring that the right color money is programmed for the right projects. She is working directly with our Executive Team and Planning Committee for the upcoming NACTO conference in Los Angeles. Jackie is in the last phase of earning her Master's of Urban & Regional Planning and Transportation Planning from California Polytechnic University, Pomona. She definitely is a rising star in this organization.

### **FHWA Training: Designing for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has been working to aggressively reduce pedestrian deaths by focusing extra resources on the "Focus Cities and States" with the highest pedestrian/bicyclist fatalities and/or fatality rates. LADOT staff is in the process of attending a mandatory two-day training course on Designing for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety this week. The FHWA has previously trained staff on Designing for Pedestrian safety back in August of 2012. This year's training offers updated and more in-depth material. [Click here](#) for more photos.

### **Who We Are: John Sam**

John Sam, Transportation Engineer, oversees the Traffic Survey Section in the Project Coordination & Evaluation Division. He supervises internal staff and contractors on all traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle count requests. He is also a manager and IT administrator of eWork (Electronic Work Order System), which launched in fall of 2014 to replace "paper" work orders. The system handles 33,000 work orders per year and has 400 registered DOT users. John has been managing and coordinating projects as a Transportation Engineer over the past 17 years and is proud of the successful completion of projects, while exemplifying dedication towards the DOT core value of Delivery. "We strive to deliver quality projects safely, on time, and on budget," says John. "We celebrate and communicate our successes. We act with a sense of purpose and dedication to the city and customers we serve."

Most recently, John's team completed a package of Vision Zero Engineering and Traffic Surveys

to establish speed limits on select streets in the City, helping LAPD enforce traffic speed limits.

### **Street Closures: 2018 Night on Broadway**

Please be advised that the Night on Broadway is taking place this Saturday, January 27, 2018. Street closures will begin as early as 6 AM on Friday, January 26. Expect delays and congestion in and around the event area. [Click here](#) for the Traffic Management Plan for more details.

### **Meet and Greet Our Safer Streets: Leading Pedestrian Intervals**

Kaylinn Pell, Transportation Engineering Associate I, shows us how Leading Pedestrian Intervals make our streets safer by establishing pedestrian presence in a crosswalk, giving visibility to drivers. Leading Pedestrian Intervals work by allowing pedestrians to begin crossing 3-7 seconds before parallel traffic gets the 'green light'.

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